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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Group Art Unit	3626		
Examiner Name	Porter Rachel L.		
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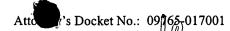
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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Title

: AVAILABILITY PROCESSING IN A TRAVEL PLANNING SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

GROUP 3600

In response to the action mailed November 6, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-5, 9, 15, 16, 21-23, and 29, as follows:

(Twice Amended) 1. A travel planning system comprises:

a computer system for executing:

a scheduling process to provide a set of instances of transportation that satisfy a user query;

a faring process that determines fares valid for at least some of the instances in the set of instances of transportation; and

an availability process that uses results from a first source of seat availability information for a mode of transportation to determine a set of available instances of transportation;

determines quality properties of the availability information; and

determines, based on the quality properties, whether the first source of availability information is reliable, and if the results are not reliable, the availability process executes a second set of seat availability queries to the first source or a different source of seat availability

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